



REMARKS

This amendment is offered in response to the Communication of September 8, 2000.

It is therefore respectfully submitted that the presently pending claims are patentable over the cited prior art.

For all of the reasons above, it is respectfully submitted that all of the presently pending claims are in immediate condition for allowance. The Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw his rejections of the claims, to allow the claims, and to pass this application to early issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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